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## **Owner arrested for keeping dogs in filth**

**HYDE PARK, NY** – Officials from the Dutchess County SPCA announce the arrest of Nina Holmes of East Fishkill on animal cruelty charges. Ms. Holmes is accused of allowing her five Malamute dogs to live in a garage filled with feces and urine. The dogs were contained in a room with uninhabitable conditions. Humane Law Officers Jami Landry and Stephanie Fitzpatrick responded to the scene and removed two of the dogs.

Ms. Holmes is scheduled to appear in East Fishkill Town Court on July 8, 2009. She faces up to a year in jail or fines of up to \$1000.00. The two dogs, Nanika and Ohana remain in the care of the DCSPCA.

The Dutchess County SPCA, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, is the lead agency for animal rescue and adoption in Dutchess County. The DCSPCA is a no-kill shelter with a 138-year history of concern, caring and providing shelter for unwanted, abused, abandoned and neglected animals. Central to the mission of the DCSPCA is the securing of caring, responsible, permanent homes for the adoptable animals in its care.

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